

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in New York related to the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, I was unable to travel to Washington, DC. As a result, I missed votes on September 6 and September 7, 2006. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 427, regarding the Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 428, Recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 429, Congratulating Spelman College on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 430, providing for consideration of the Horse Protection Act; "no" on rollcall vote No. 431, an amendment offered by Mr. Goodlatte; "no" on rollcall vote No. 432, an amendment offered by Mr. King of Iowa; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 433, final passage of the Horse Protection Act; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 434, A Motion to Instruct Conferees on the National Department of Defense Authorization Act of 2007; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 435, closing portions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 Conference Report.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 994, EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, on the fifth anniversary of the worst attack on American soil, my Republican colleagues have disgracefully politicized what should have been a solemn and sincere resolution. This week we are mourning the tragic losses of innocent lives as well as commemorating the unsurpassed heroism that was on display that day. We are expressing our gratitude to our Nation's law enforcement officers for their tireless dedication to make our country safer; and we are reaffirming our Nation's resolve to combat terrorism and secure our homeland. But rather than offering a bipartisan resolution that unites us on this solemn occasion, the Republican leadership converted the bill into an endorsement of the PATRIOT Act, punitive immigration bills, and other highly controversial measures, which many of my constituents oppose. This bill was cynically transformed from a memorial resolution to an endorsement of President Bush's failed policies. The Republicans show enormous disrespect to the 9/11 victims and families by playing election year politics with something as solemn as the fifth anniversary of 9/11; I will vote against the bill.

HONORING NORMAN R. AUGUSTINE FOR LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent Norman R. Augustine, a recipient of the prestigious Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. The prize annually recognizes outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving education in this country and whose accomplishments are making a difference today.

Mr. Augustine is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Lockheed Martin Corporation. He is a member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, the Advisory Board to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the American Philosophical Society, and is a fellow of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Augustine has been chosen to receive the prestigious 19th annual award for his role as Chairman of the National Academies Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy and its work on the highly acclaimed report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm." This report illustrates the importance of improving K-12 education in mathematics and science, the nation's commitment to long-term basic research, and United States capacity for technological innovation.

Mr. Augustine's credentials as a public servant and engineer are impressive. A five-time recipient of the U.S. Department of Defense's highest civilian decoration, the Distinguished Service Medal, he has served as a lecturer at Princeton University's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Augustine for his outstanding contribution to education and ongoing commitment to public service.

IN HONOR OF PENN SOUTH SENIOR SERVICES

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Penn South Program for Seniors for an outstanding 20 years of service to the naturally occurring retirement community in and around the Penn South cooperative on Manhattan's West Side.

When President John F. Kennedy dedicated Penn South in 1962, he said, "It is the task of every generation to build a road for the next generation. This housing development . . . can provide a better life for the people who come after us, if we meet our responsibilities." Indeed a subsequent generation of Manhattanites has benefited from the vision of the earliest residents of Penn South. Many of the original members of the cooperative still live in Penn South, and many of the current residents are senior citizens. The Penn South Program for Senior continues to provide dedicated support to those people who helped make Chelsea the vibrant neighborhood it is today.

Originally built to house members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and their families, Penn South sparked a renaissance on Manhattan's West Side when "urban renewal" was a phrase used only among city planners. As growing demand for affordable housing prompted Penn South to open itself to the public, the cooperative became a thriving community that truly transformed the neighborhood.

Widely regarded as one of the best-run cooperatives in the state of New York, Penn South has made contributions beyond its own community. During New York City's budget crisis in the 1970s, residents of Penn South scraped together enough money to prepay their property taxes and help the City through that difficult time.

The Penn South Program for Seniors was our Nation's first Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) program, and has become a nexus of senior services. Since 1986, it has provided care management, entitlement screening and advocacy, homecare coordination, health services, counseling, support groups, referral services, recreation, educational programs, volunteer opportunities, a social adult day care program, and an intergenerational garden for both seniors and children. The program also links West Side residents with community services such as Meals on Wheels, home care, and transportation. Later, because Penn South was selected as a training site for psychiatric fellows, two medical centers have opened on-site geriatric practices and residents have access to free psychiatric consultations.

Most importantly, the program allows seniors to continue living in their homes as part of the Penn South community. This chance is vital to hundreds of long-time residents, especially at a time when financial concerns and high real estate costs are forcing many of New York City's seniors out of their apartments.

Again, I commend the Penn South Program for Seniors for its tireless support for the generation of New Yorkers who brought Chelsea back to life.

TRIBUTE TO MIDDLE VALLEY CHURCH OF GOD

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Middle Valley Church of God in Hixson, TN, and join them in celebrating 60 years of community service on November 1, 2006.

In 1946, 17 devoted charter members established Middle Valley Church of God under the leadership of L.W. Ledbetter who served as the first pastor. Within a year of its organization, charter members built the first church on that site and held the first service there on July 12, 1947. Since then, 19 pastors have served this church, including current pastor Mitch McClure, the church has undergone major renovations, and the congregation has grown to 250 members including the only surviving charter member, Ruth Underwood Porter.

For the last 60 years, Middle Valley Church of God has focused on community ministry.